

provided that if said item is a tank car said inert gas is not flue gas.

22. The item of claim 21, wherein said inert gas is enriched in or is pure nitrogen or argon.

23. The item of claim 21, wherein said device includes a membrane for separating said inert gas from air.

24. The item of claim 23, wherein said inert gas is enriched in or is pure nitrogen.

25. The item of claim 21, wherein said item is is at least one of an engine crankcase, a transmission, or another gear box; and the oxidatively labile substance is an oil or a transmission fluid.

26. The item of claim 21, wherein said item is an engine crankcase, and the oxidatively labile substance is an engine oil.

27. The item of claim 24, wherein said item is the engine crankcase, and the oxidatively labile substance is an engine oil.

28. The item of claim 21, wherein said item is at least one of a fuel tank or an electric wire raceway.

29. The item of claim 24, wherein said item is at least one of a fuel tank or an electric wire raceway.

30. The item of claim 27, which is in an aircraft.

31. The item of claim 24, which delivers to a substantially enclosed place away from said space a gas which is enriched in or is pure oxygen.

32. The item of claim 31, wherein said place is at least one of a combustion chamber of an engine or a catalytic converter.

33. The item of claim 31, wherein said place is for a passenger or pilot of the movable vehicle.

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